

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claim 10.

These amendments are made without prejudice.

REMARKS

In the application as filed, it was indicated (using brackets around claim 10) that claim 10 was cancelled. Applicant's attorney undersigned has only just now been advised in a telephone conference with one of the PTO personnel that an actual amendment cancelling the claim must be submitted in addition to the use of brackets in marking the original patent copy. Accordingly, this amendment is submitted.

A charge of \$18.00 was assessed against the attorney's Deposit Account 02-2465 because the fee paid by check was for 69 claims, whereas the PTO understood the number of claims was 70. It is respectfully requested that this \$18.00 charge be reversed.

In recently reviewing the specification, applicant has discovered inconsistent statements with respect to flute pitch ratio which is described in the paragraph beginning at col. 14, line 27. In the beginning of that paragraph, flute pitch is stated as 0.5 flutes/mm adjacent the largest diameter flute 62 and two flutes/mm adjacent the tip 64. This means that the ratio of flute pitch at the tip to flute pitch at the shank (2 divided by 0.5) is 4. The inconsistencies arose from mentally considering the flute pitch inversely during the preparation of the application for the patent. The amendments are submitted to correct these inconsistencies. The correct statements regarding flute pitch

ratio can be readily discerned from a review of FIGS. 4 and 4G of the drawing.

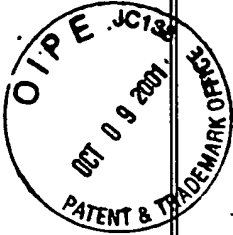
In addition, applicant is submitting concurrently herewith a Proposed Drawing Correction for drawing FIGS. 3, 3A and 6A. The approval of the Examiner is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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PROPOSED DRAWING CORRECTION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Subject to the approval of the Principal Examiner, please correct the drawing of the above-identified application as indicated in red or green ink on the enclosed copies of the listed drawing figures, to wit:

In FIG. 3, insert a curved line to indicate a boundary wall at the lower end of the left-hand root canal and crosshatch the newly indicated bone portion;

In FIG. 3A, crosshatch the indicated bone portion at the lower end of the left-hand root canal;

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In FIG. 6A, delete the curved line which is encircled in green ink and add the curved line in red adjacent the shank of the drill 54 and the associated crosshatching.

Any charges associated with this work may be assessed against my deposit account 02-2465.

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